

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 659

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Willie Pearl Ellis Butler.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Willie Pearl Ellis Butler; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Butler was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Butler was known throughout the Memphis community as a champion for justice and equality and a woman who led the struggle for civil and social rights, standing as a beacon of hope, care, and concern throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Butler was a leader within her community who dedicated much of her time to helping the sick, the homeless, the hungry, and the downtrodden; and

WHEREAS, this inspiration to many lived by the motto of: Be the change you wish to see in the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Butler leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Willie Pearl Ellis Butler, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Butler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.